(c) how many projects after completion are pending for traffic for want of a VIP to inaugurate; and

(d) whether there would be a policy hereafter to put into use the projects immediately on completion instead of waiting for a formal inaugural function by a VIP?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The converted broad gauge section of Manamadurai-Rameswaram has been commissioned for passenger train services on 12.08.2007.

(c) Latur-Osmanabad and Farrukhabad-Kasganj gauge converted sections are to be commissioned for passenger services.

(d) Normally, project is commissioned for goods traffic after its completion in all respects. The opening of project for passenger traffic is after statutory inspection and certification by Commissioner of Railway Safety and necessary compliance of stipulations given in the certificate. Normally, the functions are organised for opening of completed projects for passenger services to highlight the commissioning of new routes and services and to give wider publicity. These functions are attended by elected representatives, people of the area and others. No change in this regard in the system is considered necessary.

Rail projects in Andhra Pradesh

*193. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the rail lines laid/doubled/electrified during the last year and till date;

(b) the details of the rail lines already sanctioned for Andhra Pradesh, particularly in its backward and no industry districts, but work on which has not been taken up, so far;

(c) the time likely to be taken to start work on sanctioned lines; and

(d) the details of the major works to be taken up/going on in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) to (d) During 2006-07, 48 Kms. new line from Karimnagar to Jagtiyal and 55 rkm. of Electrification on Tirupati - Pakala section have been completed. The details of ongoing railway projects of New Line, Gauge Conversion, Doubling and Railway Electrification falling fully/partly in the State of Andhra Pradesh is given as under:-

(Figures in Rs. crore)

Sl. No.	Plan Head	Name of the Project*	KMS	Cost	Outlay 07-08	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	New Line	Gadwal-Raichur	60	108.91	18.01	Land acquired for 28.8 Kms. from Revenue Department and for the balance length, land acquisition has been taken up. Earthwork, major bridges, minor bridges, ROB/RUB and ballast collection taken up. Track linking work of Gadwal Yard completed.
2	New Line	Jaggayapet-Mallacheruvu	19.1	53.21	10.00	Land acquisition taken up. Joint survey with Forest officials completed and application for acquiring reserve forest land has been submitted.
3	New Line	Kakinada-Pithapuram	21.5	66.14	5.01	Requisite clearances awaited.
4	New Line	Kotipalli-Narsapur	57.21	695.00	2.00	Part detailed estimate is under scrutiny and land acquisition taken up.
5	New Line	Macherla-Nalgonda	92	243.17	5.00	Final location survey completed. Part detailed estimate is under process of sanction.
6	New Line	Manoharabad-Kotapalli	148.9	378.56	0.01	Final location survey taken up.
7	New Line	Munirabad-Mehboobnagar	246	497.47	5.00	Yeramaras-Yadalapur (14.5 Kms.) commissioned. On Munirabad-Yermaras, land acquisition taken up. On Krishna-Mehboobnagar (Devarkadra) (64.15 Kms.) section, earthwork, major and minor bridges taken up.

8	New Line	Nandyal-Yerraguntla	126	173.32	15.00	656 hectare out of 680 hectare land has been acquired and earthwork, bridge work, ballast collection has been taken up.
9	New Line	Obulavaripalle-Krishnapatnam	113	426.34	10.00	The work is under execution through Spy mode by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited.
10	New Line	Peddapally-Karimnagar-Nizamabad	177.9	517.63	35.00	Peddapally-Karimnagar-Jagtiyal (83.53 km.) completed and commissioned; On Jagtiyal-Nizamabad (94.35 Kms.) section, land acquisition taken up.
11	New Line	Rayadurg-Tumkur	213	887.31	0.01	Preparation of plans and estimate taken up.
12	New Line	Vishnupuram-Janapahar	11	42.08	2.00	Detailed estimate sanctioned and work is being taken up.
13	Gauge Conversion	Dharmavaram-Pakala	227	294.99	85.00	On Pakala-Madanapalli (82 Kms.) section, earth work, minor & major bridges, ballast collection taken up. On Madanpalle-Kaderi (67.5 Kms.), major bridges taken up.
14	Gauge Conversion	Guntur-Guntakal & Guntakal-Kalluru New line from Pendakallu to Gooty	546.5	528.38	60.00	Guntur-Guntakal gauge conversion including Pendekallu-Gooty new line portion (401.28 Kms.) completed and commissioned. On Guntakal-Kalluru (40.26 km.) section, earthwork, bridge works, ballast collection, etc taken up.
15	Gauge Conversion	Naupada-Gunupur	90	91.30	25.00	Earthwork, bridgees etc. taken up.
16	Gauge Conversion	Tirupati-Pakala-Katpadi	104	198.90	10.00	Electrification of the section together with gauge conversion work has been taken up. While gauge conversion work is physically complete, electrification work (98 RKM.) is targeted for completion by 2007-08.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
17	Doubling	Gooty-Renigunta - Patch doubling	151	305.96	99.00	Pullampet to Bakrapet (48 Kms.) is targeted for completion during 2007-08.
18	Doubling	Guntur-Krishna Canal	27.12	16.17	56.00	Earthwork, major and minor bridges and ballast collection taken up.
19	Doubling	Kottavalasa-Simhachalam North 4th line	76.69	86.32	20.00	Detailed estimate sanctioned and work taken up.
20	Doubling	Raichur-Guntakal	81.1	145.81	50.00	Final location survey completed and land acquisition taken up.
21	Doubling	Samalkot-Kakinada	15.6	78.11	10.00	Detailed estimate sanctioned and land acquisition taken up.
22	Doubling	Vizianagram-Kottavalasa 3rd line	34.7	167.67	10.00	Detailed estimate under process of sanction.
23	Railway Electrification	Karepalli-Bhadrachalam-Manuguru	88	57.54	10.00	Preparation of plans and estimates is being taken up.
24	Railway Electrification	Lingampalli- Wadi	161	96.24	5.00	Preparation of plans and estimates is being taken up.
25	Railway Electrification	Renigunta-Guntakal	308	182.55	3.00	Renigunta-Nandalur (86 RKM) section completed. Balampalle-Pullampet (41 Kms.) commissioned. Rest of the section is being executed by RVNL through ADB funding.

* Most of the new line projects are in backward districts and no information is maintained on the basis of 'no industry' districts. Work including preliminary activity of Final Location Survey has been taken up in all projects.